CLAIMS

1. A kit, comprising:

a) a number of tags, each attachable to an item;

b) a controller which has a scanning range and, when activated,

i) periodically inquires whether all tags are present within the scanning range and, if not,

ii) issues a warning.

2. A method, comprising:

a) placing N remotely addressable tags into an item of luggage;

b) at intervals, using a controller to address the tags, to ascertain whether all N tags are present in the luggage; and

c) if one or more tags are found absent, causing the controller to issue a warning.

3. Method according to claim 2, wherein some tags are attached to credit cards stored within the luggage.

4. Method according to claim 2, wherein the tags are non-self-powered.

5. Method according to claim 2, wherein the tags receive

operating power from incoming rf energy.

6. A method, comprising:

a) maintaining N remotely addressable tags in a purse, wherein each tag responds to an interrogation signal by returning an ID code, and

i) tag 1 returns ID code 1 after a time delay D1 following the interrogation signal;

ii) tag 2 returns ID code 2 after a time delay D2 following the interrogation signal;

iii) tag 3 returns ID code 3 after a time delay D3 following the interrogation signal, and so on, through

iv) tag N, which returns ID code N after a time delay DN following the interrogation signal.

7. Method according to claim 6, and further comprising:

c) if fewer than N ID codes are received, after an interrogation signal is issued, then issuing a warning.

8. Kit according to claim 1, wherein the tags are of the RFID type.

9. Kit according to claim 1, wherein controller comprises means to test whether all transponders are present, and issues a signal if they are not.

10. Method according to claim 2, and further comprising:

d) receiving a test command;

e) polling all tags;

f) if a tag is found missing, issuing a missing signal; and

g) if all tags are present, issuing an all-present signal.